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SUBJECT: PL-480 TITLE I

REF: CAIRO 17557

1. RE PL-480 TITLE I, FY 77 PROGRAM INCREASE, WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL WHEAT/ WHEAT FLOUR SUPPLY TO EGYPT AS INCREASE TO FY 77 PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM. SCALE OF ADD-ON LILL DETERMINE WHETHER MATTER REQUIRES PRESIDENTIAL DECISION. FURTHER ACTION HERE AWAITS CLARIFICATION OF EGYPTIAN WHEAT/FLOUR IMPORT COMMITMENTS, BOTH COMMERCIAL AND FOOD-AID, FOR FY 1977.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO OBTAIN WITHOUT AROUSING  
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GOE EXPECTATIONS, FIRM DATA ON CURRENT WHEAT/WHEAT FLOUR COMMERCIAL PURCHASES AND FOOD AID ASSURANCES. WITH CURRENT UMR OF 2.6 MILLION TONS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE CONTRACTED TO PURCHASE 1.25 MILLION TONS FROM AUSTRALIA AND, ACCORDING TO US PRESS, 500 THOUSAND TONS FROM CANADA. WE NEED TO ASCERTAIN FROM GOE CURRENT TOTAL PURCHASES

ALREADY CONTRACTED OR PLANNED UNDER UMR THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION, OUR FIGURES RE FOOD AID COMMITMENTS TO EGYPT DURING FY77 ARE AS FOLLOW: U.S. 1 MILLION TONS; EEC, 150,000 TONS, EEC MEMBER COUNTRIES, 40,000-80,000 TONS; AND CANADA,

35,000 TONS.

3. APPROACH TO GOE SHOULD NOT SIGNAL OUR INTENTION TO PROVIDE ANY SPECIFIC AMOUNT ADDITIONAL WHEAT UNDER FY 77 PROGRAM.

4. THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT HERE ABOUT ADDITIONAL PL-480 TITLE I WHEAT FOR EGYPT. (REFTEL PARA 3).

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